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BANGKOK FOR GAO STAFFORD

FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM DACCA NOV 10:

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JOINT STATE-AID MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : AGAO, SPOP, BG

SUBJECT : GAO SURVEY - COORDINATION OF POPULATION ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 263960

1. WHILE SCHEDULES HERE ARE EXTREMELY CROWDED AND ALL INVOLVED PARTIES ARE CONSULTATION WEARY, MISSION WELCOMES TIMELINESS GAO SURVEY VISIT.

2. BDG FAMILY PLANNING AND POPULATION OFFICIALS AT ALL LVELES AND REPRESENTATIVES DONOR ORGANIZATIONS IN DACCA HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER PREPARED THAN NOW TO ANSWER GAO QUESTIONS. THIS DUE MAJOR BDG EFFORT IN PAST SUMMER TO PREPARE FOR JOINT BANK/UNFPA/AID POPULATION TEAMS WHICH JUST NOW CONCLUDING NEARLY FIVE WEEKS OF PROGRAM
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REVIEW.

FYI. BANK TEAM INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES CONTRIBUTORS U.K., FRG, NORWAY, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA, CANADA. END FYI. SIMULTANEOUSLY, USAID, WITH ASSISTANCE TDY CONSULTANTS, IS FINISHING FOR SUBMISSION DECEMBER A COMPREHENSIVE MULTI-YEAR POPULATION STRATEGY PAPER. ABOVE REVIEWS HAVE REQUIRED FULL COOPERATION BDG PERSONNEL AND COORDINATION WITH DONOR AGENCIES HAVING POPULATION PROGRAMS IN

BANGLADESH. THUS, PERSONNEL UP TO DATE ALL ASPECTS PROGRAMS IN BANGLA

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3. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, BANGLADESH PERHAPS NOT IN CATEGORY COUNTRIES
HAVING MORE REQUESTS THAN DONORS CAN MEET. BECAUSE OF ITS QUOTE
SPECIAL CASE UNQUOTE STATUS, BDG THUS FAR ABLE TO ACQUIRE REGU-
LARLY THE FUNDS REQUESTED. SOMETIMES A REAL CONCERN IS HAVING
MORE RESOURCES, ON A SHORT TERM BASIS, THAN BDG SYSTEMS CAN ABSORB.
HOWEVER MISSION BELIEVES COORDINATION OF OVERFUNDED POSITION JUST
AS IMPORTANT AS SHORT POSITION TO PREVENT WASTAGE OF RESOURCES.

4. PLEASE NOTE 22 AND 23 NOVEMBER ARE OFFICIAL BDG HOLIDAYS. US
HOLIDAY 24 NOVEMBER FOLLOWS. LIKELY MANY BDG AND AMERICAN PERSONNEL
UNAVAILABLE MOST OF THAT WEEK. NORMAL WORK WEEK IS MONDAY THROUGH
SATURDAY WITH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY HALF DAYS.

5. CONSIDERING ABOVE COMMENTS PLEASE ADVISE ETA, NUMBER IN PARTY,
HOTEL NEEDS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE REQUESTED. BERGESEN
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